

RESOLUTION 35

WHEREAS, the County Board at its September 1, 2026 meeting approved a Motion by Board Member Madonia to approve 2027 County Board Dates, setting forth the dates of the Board's monthly meetings for 2027; and

WHEREAS, all said meetings are set for the second Tuesday of the month, except for April and May, which are set on the first Tuesday of the month; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.040.070 of the Sangamon County Code provides that County Board Meetings shall be on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise specified by the Board; and

WHEREAS, The County Board previously moved its monthly meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield City Council routinely meets on the first and second Tuesday every month at 5:30 p.m. either as a City Council or as a Committee of the Whole; and

WHEREAS; 58.2 per cent or 114,394 of Sangamon County's 196,343 residents reside in the City of Springfield, according to the 2020 decennial census;

WHEREAS; the County Board by meeting at almost the exact same time as the Springfield City Council makes it nearly impossible for 58.2 per cent of the County's residents to watch or express public comments at the meetings of both their city and county government; and

WHEREAS; citizens who want to publicly address the meetings of the County Board and City Council on the same night have found it very difficult and almost impossible to do so; and

WHEREAS, holding Sangamon County Board Meetings at the same time as Springfield City Council makes it difficult and sometimes impossible for news media in our county to cover both meetings and carry out their role as watchdogs of government for the citizenry; and

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WHEREAS; the County Board, as the People's Government, should make it as easy as possible for all Sangamon County citizens and news media to watch, cover or address our monthly Board meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the Board of Sangamon County in session this 13th day of October, 2026 that:

Section 1. The above recitals are expressly incorporated herein and made part hereof as though fully set forth herein;

Section 2. Section 2.04.070 of the Sangamon County Code, entitled: Regular Meetings; Schedule, shall be amended by deleting "Tuesday" each time it appears and inserting in lieu thereof: "Wednesday"; and by deleting the third paragraph, which states: "A meeting which falls on any election day shall be held on the next following day."

Section 3. The County Board of Sangamon County does hereby amend the motion passed at its September 1, 2026 meeting approving 2027 County Board Dates to provide that all monthly County Board meeting dates set by the September 1, 2026 Motion shall be moved from the Tuesday dates set in the Motion to the next day, being Wednesday of the same week;

Section 4. All Committee and Caucus meetings that are set to occur on the Tuesday County Board meeting dates shall be moved to the following Wednesday.

Section 5.. All Committee meetings that are set to take place on the Wednesday after the Tuesdays set for 2027 Board meetings by the September 1, 2026 Motion, shall be moved by the Chairs of those Committees to a different day.

Section 6.. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk: _____

(Resolution offered by County Board Members Sam Cahnman, Sheila Feipel and Tony DelGiorno)